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REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL	Attorney Docket No.	625-9937	
	Application Number	09/937,659	
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	First Named Inventor	Nilsson	
	Group Art Unit	1764	
AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$ 0	Examiner Name	Duong

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 10/01/97)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	14	20	0 ⁽³⁾	X \$18.00 =	
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1	1	0	X \$78.00 =	
Since an Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of <u>January 26, 2006</u> , petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$400); 3 months (\$950); 4 months (\$1,510); 5 months (\$2,060)):					
If Statutory Disclaimer under Rule 20(d) is enclosed, add fee (\$110)					
Total of above Calculations =					\$
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (37 CFR 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28)					-0
TOTAL FEES DUE =					\$0

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In re PATENT Application of
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Group Art Unit: 1764

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Filed: October 1, 2004

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For: PROCESS FOR COOLING SOLID AND GASEOUS MATERIAL DURIN
GASIFICATION OF SPENT LIQUOR

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January 17, 2006

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005.

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 11-24 are pending in the application.

The rejection of claims 11-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. patent No. 6,062,547 (Nilsson) in view of U.S. patent No. 4,773,918 (Kohl) is respectfully traversed. The claimed invention is not obvious from the theoretical combination of Nilsson and Kohl for the following reasons.

The Examiner admits that Nilsson does not teach using essentially water-free cooling medium. However, the Examiner argues that Kohl inherently teaches to use a water-free cooling medium:

Applicant's arguments filed September 14, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. (1) With respect to the argument that Kohl fails to teach the essentially-water free cooling medium is added to the hot gas stream after it has left the burner to thereby cool the exiting hot gas stream, Examiner respectfully disagrees. It is submitted that Kohl teaches the "heating value can be increased by adding fuel such as oil or petroleum coke into the gasification zone... and... gaseous fuel such as natural gas or volatile hydrocarbons can, of course, be added directly to the product gas to raise its heating value." The product gas (hot combustible gas which rises from the gasification zone 14) inherently leaves the gasification zone 14 or the product gas is above the burner 14.